NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes

The Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development Division, is seeking proposals in response to a Request for Proposals RFP-14-20-ADD.

The purpose of this RFP is to administer a competitive grant process to award federal funds in 2014. The primary goal in this grant program for the HDOA is to support projects that could provide the highest measurable benefits or return-on-investment to the specialty crop segment in Hawaii. To be eligible for a grant, projects must solely enhance the competitiveness of Hawaii grown specialty crops in either the domestic or foreign markets. Preference will be given to projects that increase the production of specialty crops, foster the development of fledging crops and organic programs for Hawaii specialty crop farmers.

One original signed copy or an electronic copy in Word format to be emailed to Sharon.k.hurd@hawaii.gov of each Proposal shall be received at the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development Division, located at 1428 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-2512 no later than 4:30 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time on Friday, May 30, 2014. Timely receipt of Proposals shall be evidenced by the date and time registered by the ADD office time stamp clock or postmarked by the United States Postal Service (USPS). Proposals received after the deadline of 4:30 p.m. H.S.T. shall not be processed by staff or reviewed by the evaluation committee. Offerors are strongly encouraged to submit completed and signed proposals using overnight mail or delivery service to ensure timely receipt by HDOA. Any proposals received by the USPS or any other carrier service AFTER the 4:30 p.m. deadline will not be reviewed by the evaluation committee.

For further information, interested parties are encouraged to contact Sharon Hurd, Telephone: (808) 973-9465; Facsimile: (808) 973-9590.; Email: Sharon.k.hurd@hawaii.gov.

Procurement Notice posted on Monday, April 14, 2014.